

From: John Fullbrook

Sent: 09 March 2021 19:14

To: [REDACTED] **Subject:** FOI Review Request Response.

Dear [REDACTED]

In reference to your Freedom of Information request dated 14 October 2019

Further to your review request of 24th April 2020, and the Steyning Parish Council {S.P.C.} response to that request dated 15th June 2020, we note that you followed the appeals process and applied to the Information Commissioners Office {I.C.O.} as you were dissatisfied with that SPC review request response.

The I.C.O. subsequently wrote to us and asked SPC to review your request once again as it felt your complaint warranted further scrutiny. With this in mind, a new FOI review panel was appointed by resolution at the February 15th Full Council Meeting – the membership for which, as per SPC policy, was different to that of the original panel that undertook the review of your initial request. There followed extensive correspondence with Cllr Campbell, in terms of understanding the circumstances and possible demands involved with this request. These notes were then discussed at the meeting of the review panel on the 3rd March 2021 and a response agreed.

Consequently, the review panel agreed that I should send the following:

- That I relay to you that regarding any information held by Cllr Campbell, he has repeated his comments from the previous response in that he has stated *‘The information you requested has been disclosed to you voluntarily. There is nothing more to disclose.’* The panel therefore felt that the council had no option other than to accept this position.
- I can confirm there is no other information currently, nor previously to the best of our knowledge, held by SPC in respect to your FOI request, other than that which has already been given to you via Cllr Campbell in response to the initial request.
- Lastly the FOI panel wanted for me to convey to you our apologies for the length of time this matter has taken to conclude. The panel also regretted the contradictory reasons behind the Council previously agreeing to refuse your initial request as manifestly unreasonable yet also giving you the information you were seeking, and also wanted me to apologise on behalf of the Council for the nature, tone, and some of the content of the previous communications sent to you on this matter.

We hope this deals with your enquiry but if you require any further clarity then please let me know. And If you remain dissatisfied with this decision then you can again seek an appeal through the Information Commissioners Office and via the links already supplied.

I remain, your sincerely

John Fullbrook